

AMENDING PART E OF TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3443, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3443) to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3443) was read the third time and passed.

THANKS TO THE STAFF

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, we are awaiting one final legislative measure that we expect to clear tonight. In the meantime, I thank the floor staff for all of their assistance with this legislative flurry this evening and earlier today. I also express my thanks to the staff of the Senate for their ongoing assistance to me and to other Senators.

I take this opportunity to also praise my own staff, which has worked so hard during this last legislative session. It has been a very productive one, and I feel very fortunate to have such a talented and hard-working staff to support me in my efforts to serve the people of Maine. I thank the presiding officer for his patience as we have proceeded through this last-minute flurry of legislation. We can be proud of the fact that we have been able to clear a great deal of legislation today that will make a real difference for the families of America.

LAND CONVEYANCE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on S. 416, an act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 416) entitled "An Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the city of Sisters, Oregon, faces a public health threat from a major outbreak of infectious diseases due to the lack of a sewer system;

(2) the lack of a sewer system also threatens groundwater and surface water resources in the area;

(3) the city is surrounded by Forest Service land and has no reasonable access to non-Federal parcels of land large enough, and with the proper soil conditions, for the development of a sewage treatment facility;

(4) the Forest Service currently must operate, maintain, and replace 11 separate septic systems to serve existing Forest Service facilities in the city of Sisters; and

(5) the Forest Service currently administers 77 acres of land within the city limits that would increase in value as a result of construction of a sewer system.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—As soon as practicable and upon completion of any documents or analysis required by any environmental law, but not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, (hereinafter referred to as the "city") an amount of land that is not more than is reasonably necessary for a sewage treatment facility and for the disposal of treated effluent consistent with subsection (c).

(b) *LAND DESCRIPTION.*—The amount of land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be 160 acres or 240 acres from within—

(1) the SE quarter of section 09, township 15 south, range 10 west, W.M. Deschutes, Oregon, and the portion of the SW quarter of section 09, township 15 south, range 10 west, W.M. Deschutes, Oregon, that lies east of Three Creeks Lake Road, but not including the westernmost 500 feet of that portion; and

(2) the portion of the SW quarter of section 09, township 15 south, range 10 west, W.M., Deschutes, County, Oregon, lying easterly of Three creeks Lake Road.

(c) CONDITION.—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be made on the condition that the city—

(A) shall conduct a public process before the final determination is made regarding land use for the disposition of treated effluent,

(B) except as provided by paragraph (2), shall be responsible for system development charges, mainline construction costs, and equivalent dwelling unit monthly service fees as set forth in the agreement between the city and the Forest Service in the letter of understanding dated October 14, 1999; and

(C) shall pay the cost of preparation of any documents required by any environmental law in connection with the conveyance.

(2) ADJUSTMENT IN FEES.—

(A) *VALUE HIGHER THAN ESTIMATED.*—If the land to be conveyed pursuant to subsection (a) is appraised for a value that is 10 percent or more higher than the value estimated for such land in the agreement between the city and the Forest service in the letter of understanding dated October 14, 1999, the city shall be responsible for additional charges, costs, fees, or other compensation so that the total amount of charges, costs, and fees for which the city is responsible under paragraph (1)(B) plus the value of the amount of charges, costs, fees, or other compensation due under this subparagraph is equal to such appraised value. The Secretary and the city shall agree upon the form of additional charges, costs, fees, or other compensation due under this subparagraph.

(B) *VALUE LOWER THAN ESTIMATED.*—If the land to be conveyed pursuant to subsection (a) is appraised for a value that is 10 percent or more lower than the value estimated for such land in the agreement between the city and the Forest Service in the letter of understanding dated October 14, 1999, the amount of equivalent dwelling unit monthly service fees for which the city shall be responsible under paragraph (1)(B) shall be reduced so that the total amount of charges, costs, and fees for which the city is responsible under that paragraph is equal to such appraised value.

(d) USE OF LAND.—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be used by the city for a sewage treatment facility and for the disposal of treated effluent.

(2) *OPTIONAL REVERTER.*—If at any time the land conveyed under subsection (a) ceases to be used for a purpose describe in paragraph (1), at the option of the United States, title to the land shall revert to the United States.

(e) *AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE LAND IN SUBSTITUTION.*—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall acquire land within Oregon, and within or in the vicinity of the Deschutes National Forest, of an acreage equivalent to that of the land conveyed under subsection (a). Any lands acquired shall be added to and administered as part of the Deschutes National Forest.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I believe we have now completed our business today. When the Senate completes its business today, it will stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 235 until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, January 24, 2000, for the opening of the second session of the 106th Congress.

I ask unanimous consent that following the quorum call and the routine housekeeping matters, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for the transaction of routine morning business until 2 p.m., with Members permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, a cloture vote will occur at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, on the pending bankruptcy bill, in an effort to keep the remaining amendments to the bill germane to the issue of bankruptcy. Other legislation and executive calendar items could be considered during the session of the Senate on that Monday. However, votes are not expected to occur.